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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION TO ROC

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1. DEC 9-12 VISIT TO ROC BY 4-MAN SAUDI DELEGATION HEADED BY
DEPFONMIN IBRAHIM SULTAN APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY CEREMONIAL
IN NATURE, WITH MAIN PURPOSE TO RECIPROCATATE EARLIER VISIT TO
SAUDI ARABIA BY ROC FINMIN LI KUO-TING. VISIT INCLUDED MEET-
INGS WITH PREMIER CHIANG, FONMIN SHEN CHANG-HUAN, FINMIN LI,
AND ECONMIN SUN YUN-HSUAN.

2. PRESS REPORTING ON VISIT WAS AMPLE BUT REVEALED LITTLE
OF SUBSTANCE. ACCORDING ONE LOCAL NEWSPAPER, IBRAHIM SULTAN
REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ROC AND SAUDI
ARABIA ARE "CLOSE AND FRIENDLY" AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED
"BY POOLING SAUDI CAPITAL AND ROC TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW."

3. ACCORDING MOFA SAUDI DESK OFFICER, TALKS BETWEEN
DELEGATION AND MOFA OFFICIALS CONTAINED NOTHING NEW, AND
IN HIS WORDS ENTIRE VISIT COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS
"TRANSIT STOP BETWEEN IRAN AND KOREA." UNGER

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